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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS

SUBJECT: JUNE IS NATIONAL REUNIFICATION MONTH AND FATHERHOOD AWARENESS MONTH

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

Governor Roy Cooper has proclaimed June as Reunification Month and Fatherhood Awareness Month. North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for Governor Cooper's time and his commitment to the children, youth, and families of North Carolina.

NATIONAL REUNIFICATION MONTH WEBSITES:

The Children's Bureau (CB) recognizes and promotes Reunification Month. Children's Bureau released a bulletin on 6/7/23 that provides publications, resources, podcasts, and partner resources on CB's website.

Website: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USACFCWIG/bulletins/35dc692>

The American Bar Association (ABA) recognizes and acknowledges the important roles that promote reunification of children, youth, and families experiencing foster care. This year's theme is "***We Believe in the Resiliency and Strength of Families!***" The ABA provides resources including, but not limited to, outreach materials, webinars, social media toolkits, inspirational stories through Reflections, and a community engagement page.

Website: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_interest/child_law/project-areas/national-reunification-month/

NATIONAL FATHERHOOD RESOURCES:

The National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse (NRFH) is an Office of Family Assistance funded national resource for fathers, practitioners, programs/Federal grantees, states, and the public-at-large who are serving or interested in supporting strong fathers and families. The NRFH website provides several resources, webinars, and literature available for review.

Website: <https://www.fatherhood.gov/>

Included with this communication, please find the following informational items:

1. Proclamation from Governor Roy Cooper declaring June to be Reunification Month
2. Proclamation from Governor Roy Cooper declaring June to be Fatherhood Awareness Month

Thank you for your commitment to supporting the safety, well-being, and permanency of children, youth, and families involved with North Carolina's child welfare system. Should you have questions,

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Sincerely,

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Attachments:

National Reunification Month
Fatherhood Awareness Month

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